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## INTRODUCTION

The term varicose is derived from latin word varix meaning 'bent'. varicose limb which has lost its valvular efficiency and as a product of the resultant venous hypertension in standing position becomes dilated, tortuous, elongated and thickened .

Varicose vein are known from antiquity since hippocrates and treatment in its length and associated with varicose ulcer.

Varicose veins of the lower limb are the most common vascular disorder affecting the human beings. Its almost certainly the price we pay for the erect posture. Delicate valves that evolved through million of years of ambulation of four legs are unable to increased gravitational pressure upright posture –  
ALEXANDER.C.J.

Although mortality is minimal , morbidity due to the disease causes much misery and suffering as it occurs in the prime of life .As can be expected there is enormous loss of man power and productivity. Interestingly this disease has an effective treatment and hence my selection of varicose veins as a dissertation topic.

## HISTORICAL REVIEW

The **papyrus of ebers** (approx- 1550 BC) mention varicose vein and advise against operation for this condition.

**Hippo crates** (460-377 BC) associated ulcer of the leg with varicose veins and he also noted it does not arise before puberty.

**Aurelius Cornelius celsus** (258BC-25 AD ) advised the use of plasters and linen roller bandage for leg ulcers .varicose vein were treated with by exposure followed by avulsion with blunt hook or by cauterisation.

**Claudisus galen** likewise treated with blunt hook and he applied wine to leg ulcers and opposed to frequent change of dressings.

First ligation of varicose vein seems to have been done by **zatane physician Aetius of amidia on the tigris** (502-575 AD).

**Harvey** studied about venous valves and thought to and fro movement was not possible.

**Wiseman** (1676) realized the valvular incompetence results from dilatation of the vein and he was the first to consider that ulcer might be direct result of the circulatory defect. He accordingly used the term varicose ulcer.

## **AIM OF THE STUDY**

1. To analyse the age and sex incidence
2. To analyse the correlation between occupation and disease.
3. To study mean age of presentation.
4. To analyse the various clinical presentations, complications of varicose veins and various modalities of treatment.
5. To analyse incidence of varicose ulcer.
6. To analyse the incidence of recurrent varicose veins.

# **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

## **ANATOMY OF THE LOWER LIMB**

Each limb has three set of anatomically and functionally distinguishable system of veins. They are :

1. Superficial venous system
2. Deep venous system
3. Communicating system

### **SUPERFICIAL SYSTEM**

They are subcutaneous. It has two major trunks namely great saphenous vein and long saphenous vein.

A. Great saphenous vein:

Saphenous in Greek 'easily seen'. It is the longest vein in the body & preaxial vein of the lower limb.

It is formed on the dorsum of the foot by the union of the medial end of dorsal venous arch and digital vein from the medial side of the big toe. It ascends about 2.5 to 3 cm in front of the medial malleolus and runs upwards crossing the lower part of the medial surface of the tibia obliquely to gain its medial border about finger breadth (approx 10 cm from the patella). It passes upwards on the posterior parts of the medial condyle of the tibia and femur. On



its way to saphenous opening it ascends upwards and laterally, pierces the cribriform fascia to enter into femoral vein.

Saphenous opening lies about 2.5 to 3.5 cm below and lateral to pubic tubercle. In thigh some branches of medial femoral cutaneous nerve accompany it. At the knee by the saphenous branch of descending genicular artery and in foot by saphenous nerve which is placed in front of the vein.

### **TRIBUTARIES**

In the leg posterior arch vein (**Leonardo vein**) is a constant vessel, which arises from a series of small venous arches connecting the medial perforating veins. An anterior vein runs up the front of the leg front from the ankle region to join the saphenous below the knee.

A short saphenous vein sends a tributary to it from its upper part frequently to long saphenous vein namely **giacomani vein**.

Antero-lateral and postero-medial veins are the large vessels in the thigh, which joins the saphenous in the upper part of thigh. The accessory saphenous vein is an occasional large trunk, which drains skin, fat of upper and medial thigh.

The superficial veins (external pudental vein, inferior epigastric vein, circumflex iliac vein) enter into saphenous in variable manner at the fossa ovalis.

It contains 15-20 valves which divide into columns to diminish pressure on the vein walls, they are present large numbers in the distal than proximal.

### **The short saphenous system**

This begins posterior to lateral malleolus as a continuation of the marginal veins it ascends lateral to the tendo-achilles then medially to midline of the calf where it pierces the deep fascia. Then it ascends in between the heads of the gastrocnemius to terminate in popliteal vein 1-3 inches above the knee joint. It has a variable mode of termination as it may join great saphenous vein in the proximal thigh. It may bifurcate with one joining the great saphenous other joining the popliteal vein or deep femoral vein. Because of its variable termination venous hypertension of the one system can be transmitted to other system.

## **THE DEEP SYSTEM**

They correspond to main arteries. In the upper part of calf close to the popliteal fossa tibial and peroneal join to form the popliteal vein. It enters the adductor canal to become superficial femoral vein and join with deep femoral vein 5-10 cm below the

inguinal ligament to form common femoral vein. It continues as external iliac vein above the inguinal ligament. These veins lie among and they are supported by powerful muscle of the leg.

## **COMMUNICATING SYSTEM**

These are communicating vessels between the superficial and deep vein. They show predilection for intermuscular septum, on either side of sartorius and peroneal group, between vastus lateralis and hamstrings, and along anterior border of soleus. There are valves, which allow only unidirectional blood flow from superficial to, deep and distal to proximal. There are two groups

Direct perforators

Indirect perforators

## **DIRECT**

These veins directly connect the saphenous veins or their tributaries to deep veins .a few of these are constant in no and size. They are

In adductor canal (DODD'S Perforator) between long saphenous and femoral vein.

In leg there are 3 groups:

**a) MEDIAL Perforator**

**COCKETT Perforators:** There are 3 constant perforators on the medial side of leg which is situated on the posterior border of tibia 2" 4" 6" inches above the medial malleolus. Upper two enter into posterior tibial vein opposite to where the unvalved soleal plexus of veins enter it. So the clots arising from the soleal plexus can enter posterior tibial vein and then into perforator veins that by destroying the valves.

**BOYD Perforator:** In relation to calf muscle, just below the level of the knee.

**MAY or KUSTER Perforator:** Ankle perforator at the level of gaiters area to enter into posterior tibial and plantar veins.

**PERFORATOR OF SHORT SAPHENOUS**

**b) CENTRAL PERFORATORS :** one or two veins connect the short saphenous and veins of gastrocnemius and soleal muscle . lower is situated at the junction of the calf muscle and tendoachilis ,other is situated in the higher up in calf. they are called as soleus point and gastrocnemius point perforators respectively.

**c) LATERAL ANKLE Perforators:**

**BASSI** Perforators-they are situated at 2” 5” 7” inches above the lateral malleolus

**INDIRECT PERFORATORS:**

They are numerous small vessels, which start from the superficial system and drain into the underlying muscular veins, which in turn connected to deep veins.

**FUNCTIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF VENOUS RETURN**

**1. PRESENCE OF VALVES: Fabricus 1574**

Two frail cusps attached to a point of the vein wall (valve ring). They tend to lie immediately distal to the point of entry of a major tributaries and the orifice of major tributaries bear valves. Usually they direct the blood flow from distal to proximal and superficial to deep. Valves occur in greater frequency distally in a limb than proximal. Each valve is made up of gossamer thin cusps, which are delicate and strong. When these become incompetent or destroyed varicose vein occurs.

**2. THE VIS A TERO**

It means “force from behind” ie-from heart.

### **3. NEGATIVE PRESSURE WITH IN THORAX**

Negative pressure in chest during inspiration is also a factor augmenting venous blood towards the chest.

### **4. MUSCULOVENOUS PUMP**

The soleal plexus of the large vein is designed to be the main peripheral heart. When the muscle contracts pressure in the muscle raise up to 250 mm hg. Intramuscular vein completely empties and the valves in perforators and deep vein direct a flush of blood in deep vein upstream. There is modest raise of pressure in the deep vein.

During the phase of relaxation there is a sharp fall in the pressure in deep vein blood refill in the soleal plexus from the superficial veins. Mean pressure in the superficial system range from 100 to 30 mmhg.

The recognizable effect of musculoavenous pump are:-

- a). They constitute the genuine form of peripheral heart.
- b). They minimize the accumulation of tissue fluid in the lower limb. It occurs only when outflow is obstructed (deep vein obustruction) or if there is incompetence of valves in the superficial or the perforating veins.

## 5. VENAE COMITANTES

Veins lie beside the artery and may be helped by the arterial pulsation to propel the blood towards heart.

Veins form the part of the post capillary reservoir, which contains 70% of the total blood volume. Because of its venous capacitance there is little change in central venous pressure even though there is large variation in blood volume.

### AETIOLOGY

Varicose vein may be

- a). Primary
- b). Secondary

Although the true aetiology for the primary varicose vein are unknown but certainly there is a hereditary factor as noted by all researchers in the field.

As noted in the incidence F: M ratio 3:1 female hormones are incriminated as the cause . Veins become more prominent during pregnancy and increasing in size during the succeeding childbirth. Since estrogen hormone dilate smooth muscle, its not undesirable to assume that smooth muscles of the veins are affected as that of uterus.

During pregnancy enlarging uterus-increased blood volume and hormones may be a contributing factor. The river of blood from the uterus impedes blood from the periphery.

## **SECONDARY VARICOSE VEIN**

- 1) The most common cause is post phlebotic syndrome. After the venous thrombosis vein is recannalised at the cost of destruction of valves. Varicose vein results as a result of transmission of high pressure in the deep veins to the superficial veins through communicating veins whose valve becomes incompetent.
- 2) Gross varicose vein before the age of 15 may be due to congenital arterio-venous malformation.
- 3) Juvenile varicose veins –due to congenital absence of deep veins.
- 4) KLIPPEL TRENAUNAY SYNDROME
- 5) Any pelvic tumor pressing the Iliac veins or IVC.
- 6) Retroperitoneal Disorders.

## **PATHOLOGY**

Oschner and Mahovier have tabulated the nine features that grossly distinguish full borne varicose vein.



1. Elongation & tortuosity
2. Loss of elasticity
3. Ectasia or dilatation
4. Thickening of intima
5. Increased or decreased thickness of veins
6. Hypertrophy or atrophy of muscularis.
7. Disappearance or atrophy of valves.
8. Thrombosis or calcification.
9. Enlargement of collaterals.

Microscopically the most marked change in the thick walled veins is an increase in thickness of media. Muscle at-times become tremendously hypertrophied and has relatively little intramural connective tissue, which resembles as that of arteries. Thin walled veins show atrophy of the media and replaced by the connective tissue. Thrombosis occurs spontaneously in varicose veins, the process is rapid and eventual recanalisation reduces the original lumen. Calcification is an occasional finding in the thrombus. Pathogenesis of primary varicose vein is obscure. In most instances process appears to spread downwards in the saphenous vein. This makes probable high pressure above the valve stretches the vein until the valve becomes incompetent.

## **PATHOGENESIS OF SECONDARY VARICOSE VEIN**

Venous obstruction in the deep gives abnormal dilatation and narrowing of the veins. Recanalisation will cause destruction of venous valves. This produce incompetence of superficial veins which in turn gives rise to

- a. Venous hypertension
- b. Passive congestion of tissue and cyanosis
- c. Opening of collaterals.

## **PATHOLOGY OF VEIN WALL IN INCOMPETENT VEINS**

Failure of vein wall may be attribute to a problem with regulation of connective tissue. There was reduced amount of collagen and elastin in the varicose vein. Valve failure starts with depression of the commissure of the valves with subsequent widening of the space between the free edges of the valve. There is also hyperplasia of the collagen fibre of the valve cusps. There is infiltration with tissue macrophage and class II MHC antigens were present on the endothelium. Smooth muscles of the tunica media is thickened.

## **VENOUS ULCER**

Venous ulcer occurs either in connection with varicose vein or follows deep vein thrombosis, in which recanalisation of deep veins has occurred but the valves are destroyed or incompetent. Long

standing varicose vein lead to venous stasis favouring local anoxia and edema are the underlying causes of ulcer. But lipolysis of the subcutaneous fat is an important factor. Its important to be sure that ulcer is not due to ischemia or arteritis. Varicose ulcer responds promptly to ambulatory treatment ligation. Where as post thrombotic ulcer is usually refractory to treatment and requires bed rest curettage and split skin graft.

### **HYDROSTATIC THEORY**

Homan attributed leg ulceration to hypoxia. Venous hypertension is the fundamental cause.

### **FIBRIN CUFF THEORY (BROWSE)**

As a result of long standing raised venous pressure, there is an increased capillary leakage result in blood and fibrin getting into subcutaneous tissue. These changes are called lipodermatosclerosis. Fibrin is deposited around the capillaries leading to formation of barriers, which impedes oxygen transfer to skin leading to breakdown and ulceration.

### **WHITE CELL TRAPPING THEORY (DORMANDY):**

In patients with venous hypertension arteriovenous gradient decreases. Blood slows down in capillaries and white cell marginates and trapped. There is decrease in blood flow through the capillaries leading to hypoxia. Cytokines activated proteolytic

enzymes and oxygen free radicals are liberated causing tissue damage.

Ulceration occurs in gaiters area of lower 1/3 of leg and is almost always posterior and superior to medial malleolus of the ankle. They may occur in corresponding area on the lateral side of the ankle and in severe state may encircle the foot. Often ulcers are multiple & scars of healed ulcer can be seen. Hyper pigmentation and dermatitis surrounding the ulcer that is very characteristic. Ulcers are not painful till they get infected. Marjolin's ulcer may develop in long standing ulcer.

## **CLASSIFICATION OF CHRONIC VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY**

### **WIDMER CLASSIFICATION**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Hypen webs	venous telangiectiasis or spider veins
Retinacular veins	dilated tortuous subcutaneous not Major trunks and branches
Truncal veins	dilated tortuous SSV or LSV or main branches
CVI grade -1	venous flare at ankle

“corona pheblectatica”

CVI grade-2                      Hyper or depigmented area in gaiter area

CVI grade-3                      open or healed venous ulcer.

## **CEAP CLASSIFICATION**

### **CLINICAL**

CLASS-0                      No visible or palpable signs of venous disease

CLASS-1                      Telangiectasia or reticular veins

CLASS-2                      Varicose veins

CLASS-3                      Odema

CLASS-4                      Skin changes (lipodermatosclerosis, atrophe blanche, and eczema.

CLASS-5                      Healed ulceration

CLASS-6                      Active ulceration

### **ETIOLOGICAL**

Ec                      Congenital

Ep                      Primary

Es	Secondary
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### **ANATOMICAL**

As	Superficial veins
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Ad	Deep veins
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Ap	Perforating veins
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### **PATHOPHYSIOLOGICAL**

Pr	Reflux
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Po	Obstruction
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Pr,o	Both
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### **DISABILITY SCORE**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 | Asymptomatic   |
| 2 | Symptomatic but function with out supportive device    |
| 3 | Can work 8 hours a day but only with supportive device |
| 4 | Unable to work even with supportive device             |

## **DIAGNOSTIC WORK UP**

The preoperative evaluation requires the differentiation between primary and secondary varicose veins and to evaluate the patency of deep venous system. Patient was examined in supine and standing.

### **CLINICAL EXAMINATION**

#### **1. BRODIE TRENDLENBURG TEST:**

To determine the in competency of the sapheno-femoral and communicating system. Test consists of two parts.

A) The patient is placed in supine position and leg is raised to empty the veins. The sapheno-femoral junction is compressed with thumb and the patient is asked to stand quickly with thumb released quickly. If the sapheno-femoral valve is incompetent the varices will be filled quickly.

B) In this test after emptying the veins with occluding the SF junction. Patient is asked to stand pressure is NOT released. If the perforator is incompetent varices will be filled slowly.

#### **2. TORNQUET TEST:(OSHNER MAHONER TEST)**

Superficial veins are emptied and tourniquets are tied around the thigh and leg at different levels. Patient is now asked to stand up. A vein filled above or below a tourniquet represents the presence

of an incompetent vein. By altering the tourniquet down insteps, position of the incompetent perforator can be identified.

### **3. PERTHE'S TEST**

Veins are emptied and elastic bandage is applied to the lower limb. Patient is asked to move around and exercise. Severe crampy pain occurs in DVT.

### **4. MODIFIED PERTHE'S TEST**

Tying a tourniquet in thigh so as to prevent the reflux .if the deep vein and the perforators are normal the varicose vein will shrink. If blocked, they will become more distended.

### **5. SCHWARTZ TEST**

In long standing case, if a tap is made on the lower part of the leg. Impulse can be felt at the saphenous opening with the other hand.

### **6. PRATT TEST**

Tying an elastic bandage empties veins; tourniquet is applied at the groin. Bandage is now removed & applied from groin downwards. At the site of perforators blow out can be seen and marked.



## **7. COUGH IMPULSE TEST: (MORISSEY'S)**

Veins are emptied, on coughing an impulse is felt in the long saphenous vein if sapheno-femoral valve is incompetent. A bruit may heard on auscultation.

## **8. FEGAN'S TEST**

In standing posture, places of excessive bulge were marked. Veins are emptied in recumbent position. At the marked site gaps are pits may be felt in the deep fascia, which transmits the imperforate vein.

## **TEST FOR DVT**

## **9. HOMAN'S SIGN**

Forceful dorsiflexion of the foot with knee extended will elicit tenderness in calf.

## **10. MOSSES SIGN**

Squeezing the calf from side to side causes pain in the thrombosed deep vein.

## **ABDOMINAL EXAMINATION**

To look for secondary causes.

## **PERIPHERAL PERFUSION ASSESSMENT**

## **INVESTIGATIONS**

### **NON INVASIVE**

#### **A) BIDIRECTIONAL DOPPLER VELOCITY STUDY**

10MHz and 5 MHz are suitable for superficial and deep venous systems. Audible signals and their directions are observed in rest, abdominal compression, during Valsalva maneuver, thigh and calf compression.

Superficial venous insufficiency can differentiate from deep vein insufficiency by comparing saphenous and posterior tibial vessel at the supra malleolar level. Superficial venous insufficiency is defined as abnormal reflux in saphenous vein alone. In deep vein insufficiency there is reflux in both the veins.

Incompetent communicating or valves are detected by auscultation with Valsalva maneuver or augmentation there is abnormal reflux towards probe.

Retrograde flow detected by bi-directional probe detects the valvular incompetence. When there is absence of spontaneous flow or diminished augmentation by distal compression indicates obstruction.

## **B) DUPLEX IMAGING / COLOUR FLOW IMAGING**

Duplex imaging permits examination of the short and long saphenous veins as well as the perforating veins in the superficial system. Femoral, popliteal, and calf veins are the deep veins imaged.

Saphenofemoral competence, saphenous vein diameter, wall thickness, diameter of the saphenous tributaries, status of perforators, valvular competence within the saphenous vein & patency of the deep veins should be assessed. Valvular competency is assessed by three phenomena. A) Direction of blood. B) Valve thickness. C) Valve coaptation.

## **INDICATIONS**

1. To R/O deep vein thrombosis
2. To R/O anatomical variation of the superficial system
3. Short saphenous varicosities
4. Recurrent varicosities

## **LIMITATIONS**

1. Operator dependent.
2. Takes long time.

### **C) PHOTO PLETHYSMOGRAPHY**

Used to demonstrate an “abnormal brief recovery time” after exercise, is restored to normal when the suspected pathway of incompetence is selectively occluded by finger. An unequivocal response is accepted as an evidence of incompetence.

### **D) AMBULATORY VENOUS PRESSURE**

It is defined as superficial venous pressure in the ankle in standing position after 10 tip toe movements.

Patient stands motionless by holding the frame. Superficial venous pressure measured by cannulating dorsal venous arch, is usually 90 mmhg and it depends upon the height of the individual. Then the patient performs 10 tiptoe movements, the pressure usually falls to 15- 30 mmhg.

Once again patient stands still. Venous pressure again falls to base line. Time taken to regain 90% of the baseline level is called Refill Time 90. This is usually 18-40 seconds.

This is a functional test, which assess the efficiency of the venous systems.

## **INVASIVE**

### **ASCENDING PHLEBOGRAM**

It's the 'gold standard investigation' for demonstrating venous occlusion and pattern of collateral flow. It is only used when Doppler can't clearly exclude deep vein occlusion.

### **INDICATIONS**

1. To demonstrate deep vein thrombosis of calf, pelvic varicose veins and IVC.
2. Investigate secondary and recurrent varicose vein.
3. Suspicion of venous malformation.

In presence of varicose veins the appearance of the deep veins before and after the exercise is same as normal veins but superficial vein may be visualized when it is associated with perforator incompetence.

They show dilation and become tortuous following DVT. When obstructed numerous valveless collaterals can be visualized. Following exercise there is poor emptying of the dye from the deep veins, increased filling of the collaterals, perforators and superficial veins. Clots will be seen as filling defects and if recanalised will have irregular margins.

Radiographic signs of DVT are abrupt termination of contrast medium above or below the obstruction, Nonfilling of the entire system, diversion of the flow through the collaterals.

FALSE POSITIVE – Turbulence around the valves, arterial impaction, mixing defects, entry of non-opacified blood, air bubble and overlying band.

Multiple planes and films, Valsalva maneuver, large dose contrast, semi-erect position helps in reducing false positive results.

## **RADIO NUCLEIDE PHLEBOGRAPHY**

Injection of technetium 99m free or albumin labeled the superficial vein and applying compression and diverting the contrast predominately into the deep veins thrombosis can be identified.

- ❖ Delayed appearance time.
- ❖ Dilution or absence of portion of normal course of major venous segment.
- ❖ Presence of collateral pathway.
- ❖ Delay in disappearance of radio-nucleide (hot spots).
- ❖ Normal dilution effect associated with excessive collateral flow from venous segments that don't contain radio-nucleide.
- ❖ Rate of passage of isotope is equal and rapid in both the limbs. This doesn't occur in venous thrombosis.

## **VARIOUS MODALITIES OF TREATMENT**

### **TREATMENT**

1. CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT.
2. MEDICAL TREATMENT.
3. SURGICAL TREATMENT.

### **CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT**

- ❖ GRADED COMPRESSION STOCKINGS.
- ❖ UNNA BOOT
- ❖ MULTILAYER COMPRESSION DRESSINGS.
- ❖ BISGARD METHOD

### **BISGARD METHOD**

- ❖ Massage in elevation of the whole limb particularly to soften the indurated area around the ulcer .
- ❖ Passive movement to maintain the mobility of the ankle and foot.
- ❖ Active movement to the calf in elevation and sitting (with compression bandage).
- ❖ Teaching correct method of walking placing heel down first and using the calf muscle to lift the heel back. Thus giving spring to the walk, therefore improving the venous pump.

- ❖ A firm elastic bandage is applied spirally from the base of the toe to the knee. So that movements in walking produces alternatively stretch and relax. Thus the bandage produces add on venous pumping effect.

## **COMPRESSION THERAPY**

Numerous mechanisms have been proposed to explain the benefits of compression therapy.

### **MACROVASCULAR**

- ❖ Decrease wall tension and thus further damage to elastin and collagen structure in the wall.
- ❖ Increase the velocity.
- ❖ Decrease the force of reflux in the perforators.
- ❖ Abolish the refluxing blood and thus reducing the venous load.
- ❖ Reduce edema and skin tension.
- ❖ Reduce AVP.
- ❖ Improve refill times.

### **MICROVASCULAR**

Return of starling forces, haemostasis, and leucocytes Margination to normal.

- ❖ Prevents excessive fluid and protein filtration.



- ❖ Decreases pressure in post capillary venules.
- ❖ Augmenting lymphatic clearance.
- ❖ Augmenting release of prostacyclin and plasminogen activator from the endothelium.

### **Compression hosiery**

Class-I <25 mmhg at ankle. Thromboembolic prophylaxis and early varicose veins.

Class –II 25-35 mmhg. Advanced varicose veins, edema, early CVI.

Class-III 35 –45 mmhg. Moderate to severe CVI.

Class-IV >45 mmhg severe CVI and lymphodema.

### **MEDICAL TREATMENT**

1. PENTOXIPHYLLINE- Cytokine antagonist having some fibrinolytic activity.
2. CALCIUM DOBESILATE- Increases lymphatic flow with macrophage-mediated proteolysis, hence reducing edema.
3. DIOSMIN-Flavonoid RUTIN, which increases venous tone and improves lymphatic drainage and platelet microcirculation.
4. PROSTAGLANDIN -PGE1- Reduces WBC activation, platelet aggregation and vaso-dilation.

5. FREE RADICAL SCAVENGERS.
6. ACETYL SALICYLIC ACID- To reduce platelet adhesion.
7. ZINC- In venous ulcer there is decreased level of drugs.  
Hence supplementation to promote healing.

## **SCLEROTHERAPY**

First described by MEPHECTERS, popularised by FEGAN (1963).

## **INDICATIONS**

1. Confined to below knee, which are not truncal veins.
2. Recurrent or residual veins
3. Telangiectasia
4. Patient not willing for surgery

## **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

DVT AND SF Incompetence

## **PRINCIPLE**

Sclerosant produces chemical phlebitis and on apposition produces obliteration of the lumen.

## **SCLEROSANTS**

3% Sodium tetra decyl sulphate, ethanolamineoleate, sodiummorruate polidocanol, hypertonic saline.

## **DISADVANTAGE**

Not suitable for large veins, allergic problems, extravasations may cause skin necrosis, local pain, pheriplebitis, intra arterial injection and rarely DVT.

## **PROCEDURE**

Patient sits in a waist height couch with lower limb horizontal. Needle with sclerosant is inserted into the skin marks, which are made previously. Vein is emptied by elevating the limb. Sclerosant is injected into the vein, which is compressed from above and below. As soon as the injection is over, the site is compressed with cotton ball. To prevent refilling of vein and compressive bandage is applied. Patient is encouraged to walk immediately. Bandage is applied for 3 weeks. Regular follow up and further injections may be needed for residual and recurrent varicosities.

## **SURGICAL MANAGEMENT**

### **INDICATIONS**

Symptoms like aching, heaviness, edema , which are relived by compression therapy.

1. Chronic venous insufficiency.
2. Large varicosities subjected to trauma.
3. Cosmetic.

**Preoperative MARKING** is the most important step in surgical procedure .

### **SURGERIES FOR SUPERFICIAL VARICOSITES:**

- ❖ Simple high and flush ligation of sapheno-femoral or/and sapheno popletial junction. (trendelen-burg procedure)
- ❖ Ligation and stripping.
- ❖ Multiple phlebectomies by rivilin.
- ❖ Cockett and dodd's subfacial ligation of perforators.
- ❖ Linton's radical subfacial ligation of perforators

Vohra and odogwn introduced endoscopic venous surgery.

### **Contraindications for surgery**

1. DVT.
2. Arterial ischemia.
3. Skin and soft tissue infection.
4. Lymphoedema.
5. Bleeding diathesis.
6. Pelvic tumor.
7. Poor anaesthetic risk.
8. Patient is on OCP is relative contraindication.

## **VENOUS RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY**

It is only when there is chronic obstruction and to correct the reflux.

### **OBSTRUCTION**

#### **DE-PALAMA**

It is designed to bypass unilateral ILIAC VEIN OCCLUSION. Contra lateral LSV is tunneled supra-pubically and anastomosed to patent common femoral or superficial femoral.

#### **MAY HUSNI OPERATION**

Obstructed femoral segment may be bypassed by anastomosing transected competent LSV to the side of popliteal vein.

### **REFLUX CORRECTION**

The edge of the floppy wall cusps can be sutured to the vein wall.

#### **KISTNER OPERATION**

Involves longitudinal venotomy directly through commissure.

### **VALVULOPLASTY**

It is of two types.

External- Vein diameter around the incompetent valve is reduced by vein wall plication and synthetic cuff around the vein.

Internal-Transverse incision above the level of the valve and commissural reefing is performed.

## **VEIN VALVE TRANSPLANTATION**

Autologous valve transposition interposes a segment of axillary or brachial vein, containing a competent valve into an incompetent deep veins. Procedures using synthetic , mixed and animal valves are in experimental stage.

## **VEIN TRANSPOSITION**

An incompetent superficial vein can be transected and end to end or end to side to profunda femoris or long saphenous vein which has competent valve.

## **NEWER MODALITIES OF TREATMENT**

Endovenous laser surgery

Endo-venous cryo surgery

## **COMPLICATION OF VARICOSE VEINS**

1. Odema.
2. Pigmentation.
3. Eczema.
4. Ankle flare.
5. Thrombophlebitis.
6. Varicose ulcer.
7. Haemorrhage.
8. Periostitis.
9. Calcification.
  
10. Equinus deformity.

## **CAUSES FOR RECURRENCE**

- ❖ inaccurate pre op assesment.
- ❖ incomplete operative technique.
- ❖ continuing same pattern of life style

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

All the cases were studied in Kilpauk Medical College Hospital during the period between “March 2003 to August 2005”.

All the cases underwent detailed evaluation regarding presenting symptoms, duration and previous modality of treatment. Clinical examination was made as to which system was involved and to identify which superficial valves and perforators were incompetent. Deep vein patency was assessed. Abdominal and pelvic examination was made to search for secondary causes. Cardiovascular and peripheral pulses were assessed to exclude arterial disease.

Routine investigations and selective duplex assessment was done. Compressive therapy was advised for symptomatic groups. Ulcer was treated with dressing till healthy granulation tissue was seen.

Most patients underwent surgical treatment. Choice of surgery is determined by the extent of disease and associated pathology. Post op crepe bandage was applied. These patients were reviewed 2weeks after discharge and followed till 6 months.



# PROFORMA

NAME	AGE	SEX
UNIT	OP/IP NO-	
OCCUPATION	INCOME	

## PRESENTING COMPLAINTS

1. ASYMPTOMATIC
2. PAIN
3. ABDOMINAL SYMPTOMS
4. ULCERATION AND ITS COMPLIANTS

## PAST HISTORY

## SCLEROTHERAPY/ COMPRESSION THERAPY/ SURGERY

PERSONAL HISTORY.

HT / DM / OBESTETRIC / CONTRACEPTIVE

## FAMILY HISTORY

CLINICAL EXAMINATION:

INSPECTION

## VARICOSE VEINS

LSS

SSS

SWELLING

LOCALISED /GENERALISED

## SKIN OVER THE LIMB

## COLOUR TEXTURE

EDEMA

ECZEMA

PIGMENTATION

ULCERATION SITE SIZE SURFACE, SCAR

SIGNS OF ISCHEMIA

PALPATION

TEMPERATURE

TRENDELENBURG - 1

- 2

TORNIQUET TEST

MODIFIED PERTHES TEST

COUGH IMPULSE TEST

SCHWARTZ TEST

REGIONAL NODES

COMPLICATIONS

ABDOMINAL EXAMINATION

INVESTIGATIONS

TREATMENT

CONSERVATIVE/ TREATMENT	SCLEROTHERAPHY/	SURGICAL
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SURGICAL PROCEDURE

POST OPERATIVE PERIOD

FOLLOW UP

## OBSERVATION AND ANALYSIS

### AGE-SEX DISTRIBUTION OF THE PATIENTS

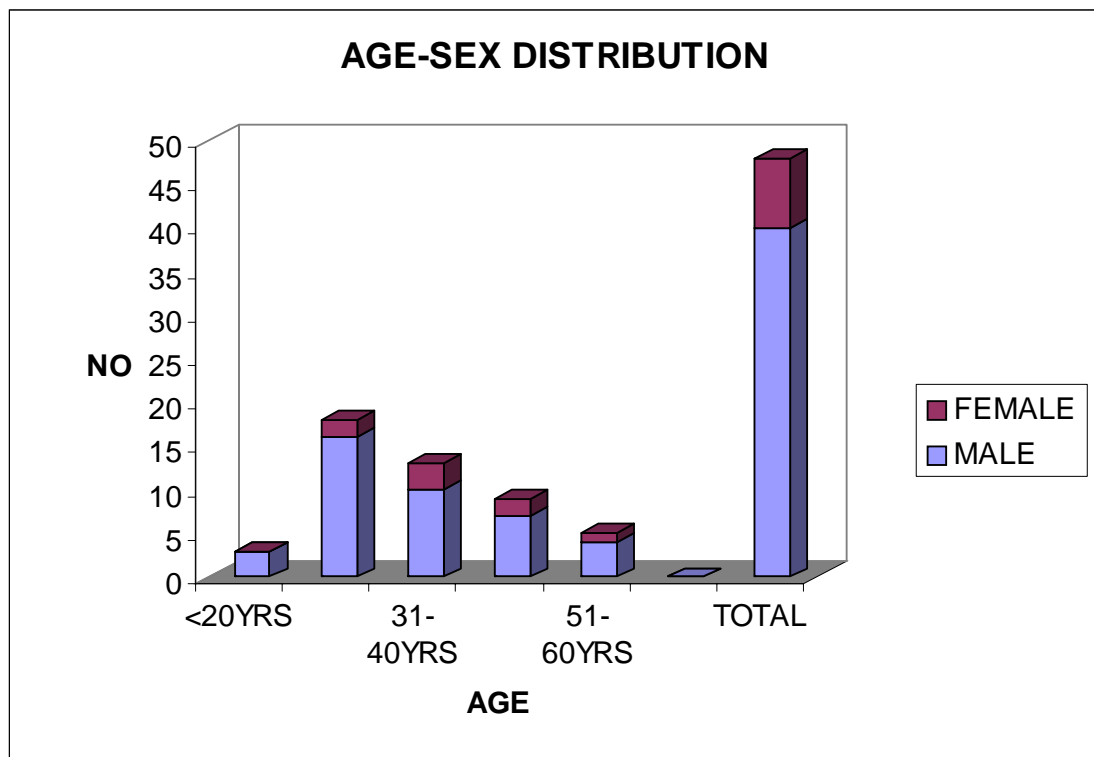
AGE YEARS	MALE No	%	FEMALE no	%
<20 YRS	3	6.2 %	0	0 %
21- 30	16	36.5 %	2	4.2 %
31-40	10	20.8 %	3	6.2 %
41- 50	7	14.5 %	2	4.2 %
51-60	4	8.3 %	1	2.1 %
> 60	0	0 %	0	0 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>83.8 %</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16.7 %</b>

In my study male constitute 83% and female 17 % .in contrast to the literature male female ratio was approx 5:1.

Female are distributed around 25 to 40 yrs . males 56% are in the age group around 21- 40 yrs.

Hence this disease mostly affects the economically productive group.

Surprisingly as the age goes on disease is less prevalent.



### MEAN DURATION OF PRESENTATION

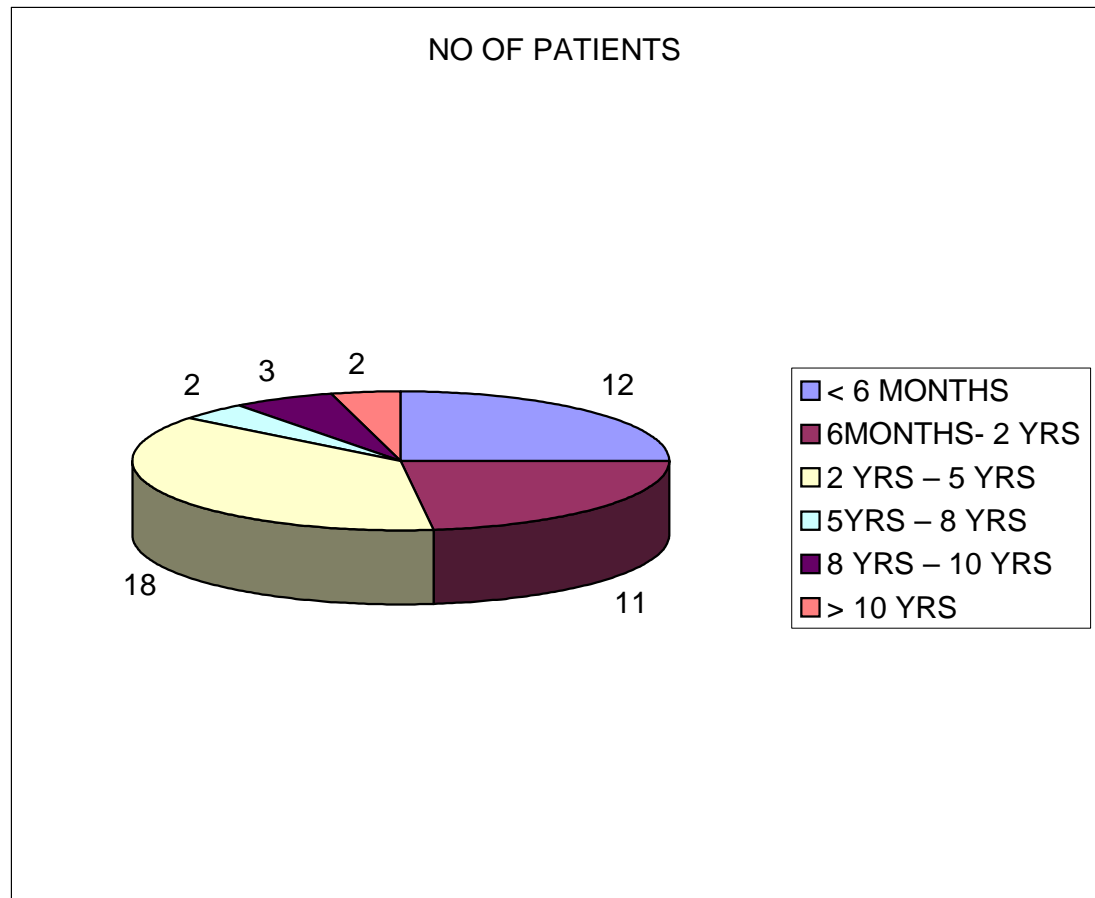
PRESENTATION	NO OF PATIENTS	PERCENTAGE
< 6 MONTHS	12	25.0%
6MONTHS- 2 YRS	11	22.9%
2 YRS – 5 YRS	18	37.5%
5YRS – 8 YRS	2	4.2%
8 YRS – 10 YRS	3	6.2%
> 10 YRS	2	4.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4.2%</b>

Most of the people presented with symptoms persists more than 2 yrs before they seek the medical attention.

25% presents with in six months duration and another 23% take for about at least 2 yrs to medical consultation.

Those who take 2-5 yrs constitutes 37% .those who takes more than 5 yrs constitutes 14 %.

Time duration for the presentation between 3 months minimum and 20 yrs maximum.



### VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS OF THE PATIENTS

OCCUPATION	NO	PERCENTAGE
MANUAL WORKER	16	33.3 %
AGRICULTURE	5	10.4 %
HOUSE WIFE	5	10.4 %
STUDENT	4	8.3 %
SALESMAN	4	8.3 %
SECURITY	2	4.2 %
OTHERS	12	25.0 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>

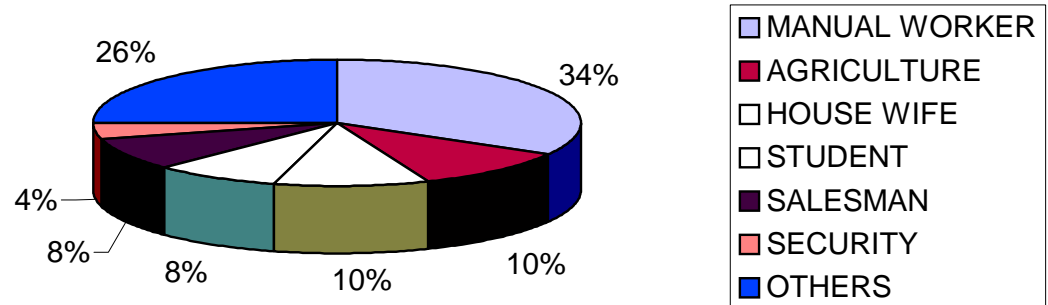
Manual labourer forms the largest proportion around 33%.

Agriculturists and housewife forms 10% each.

This disease affects mostly lower socioeconomic classes and daily wagers.

Those who stand for prolonged periods constitutes salesman security, constables manual labourers forms around 60%.

## OCCUPATION



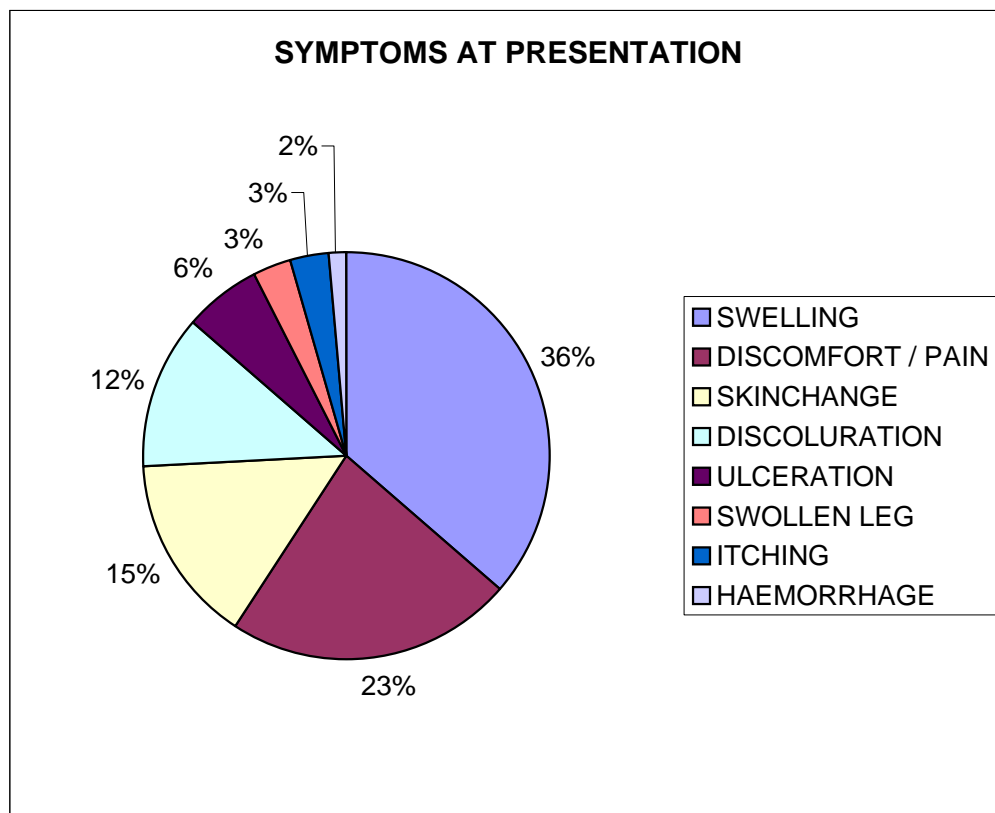


### DIFFERENT SYMPTOMS AT PRESENTATION

SYMPTOM	NO	PERCENTAGE
SWELLING	24	50.0%
DISCOMFORT / PAIN	15	31.2 %
SKINCHANGE	10	20.8 %
DISCOLURATION	8	16.7 %
ULCERATION	4	8.3 %
SWOLLEN LEG	2	4.2%
ITCHING	2	4.2 %
HAEMORRHAGE	1	2.1 %

50% of the people presents with swelling and pain around 30% which are related primarily to the dilated varicose veins.

Symptoms due to chronic venous congestion like skin change, discolouration swollen leg and ulceration was presents with 15, 12, 3 and 6 % respectively.

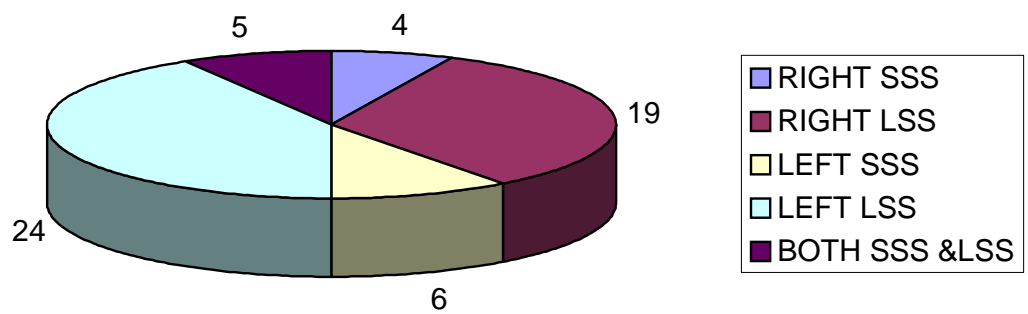


### MODALITIES OF SEGMENT INVOLVEMENT

SIDE	SEGMENT	NO	PERCENTAGE
RIGHT	SSS	4	8.3 %
	LSS	19	39.6 %
LEFT	SSS	6	12.5 %
	LSS	24	50.0 %
BOTH	SSS &LSS	5	10.4 %

LSS is commonly involved around 89% and short shaphenous around 20%. Left sided lesions constitute 62% and right-sided lesions constitute only 48%. Both LSS and SSS make around 10 %.

### VENOUS SEGMENT INVOLVEMENT



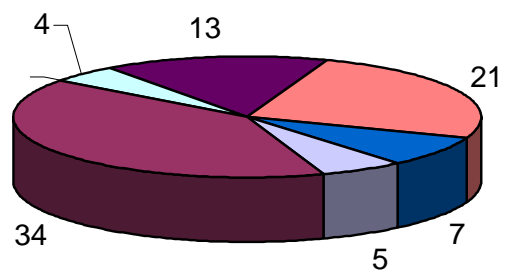
### DIFFERENT PATHOLOGY OF VARICOSE VEINS

<b>PATHOLOGY</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
SAPHENO-FEMORAL INCOMPETENCE	34	70.8 %
SAPHENO-POPLETIAL INCOMPETENCE	4	8.3 %
ABOVE KNEE PERFORATOR	13	27.1 %
BELOW KNEE PERFORATOR	21	43.7 %
ANKLE PERFORATORS	7	14.5 %
LATERAL PERFORATORS	5	10.4 %

Sapheno-femoral incompetence constitutes the bulk of the disease 70 % of the in my study group. Sapheno-popletial incompetence occurs in 8 % of the people.

Below knee perforator incompetence occurs in 43%. Above knee perforator incompetence occurs in 27%. Lateral ankle perforator incompetence is least common only 10%

NO



- ☐ SAPHENO-FEMORAL
- ☐ INCOMPETENCE
- ☐ SAPHENO-POPLETIAL
- ☐ INCOMPETENCE
- ☐ ABOVE KNEE PERFORATOR
- ☐ BELOW KNEE PERFORATOR
- ☐ ANKLE PERFORATORS
- ☐ LATERAL PERFORATORS

### DIFFERENT MODALITY OF TREATMENT

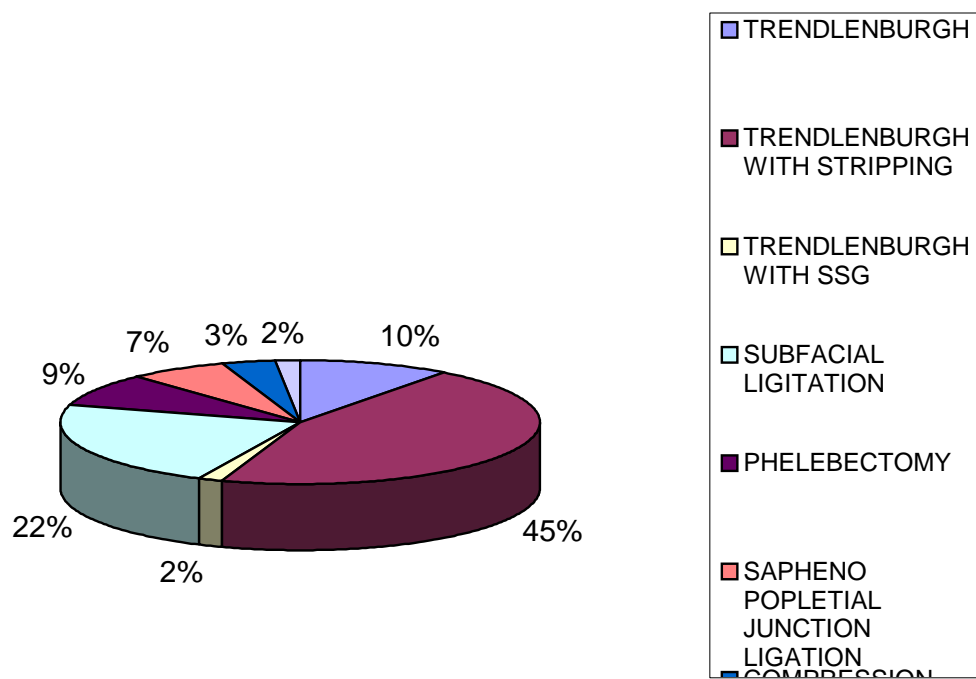
Treatment	No	Percentage
Trendlenburg	6	12.5 %
Trendlenburg with stripping	26	54.2 %
Trendlenburg with SSG	1	2.1 %
Subfacial ligation	13	27.1 %
Phelebectomy	5	10.4 %
Sapheno popletial junction ligation	4	8.3 %
Compression therapy	2	4.2 %
Suprafacial ligation	1	2.1 %

Trendlenburg with stripping constitutes 54 % and subfacial ligation done in 27%.

Trendlenburg procedure done in 12%. Hence saphenofemoral junction ligation in 68 %.

Plebectomy and sapheno-popletial done in 10 percent each.

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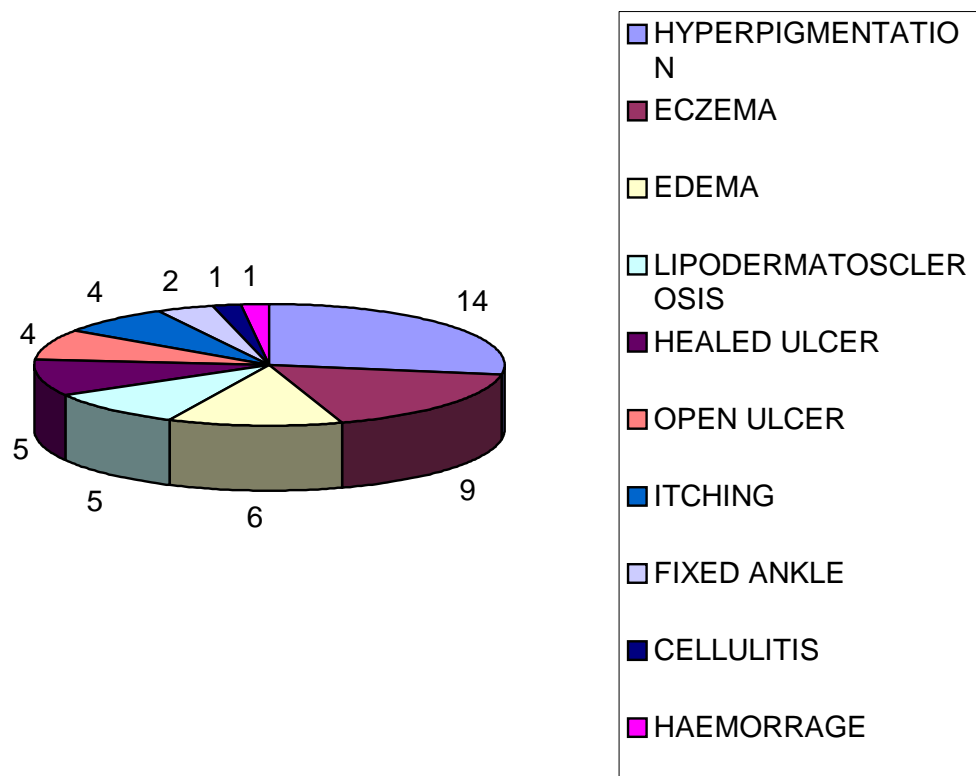




### COMPLICATIONS OF VARICOSE VEIN

Complications	No	Percentage
Hyperpigmentation	14	29.2 %
Eczema	9	18.7 %
Edema	6	12.5 %
Lipodermatosclerosis	5	10.4 %
Healed ulcer	5	10.4 %
Open ulcer	4	8.3 %
Itching	4	8.3 %
Fixed ankle	2	4.2 %
Cellulitis	1	2.1%
Haemorrhage	1	2.1 %

NO



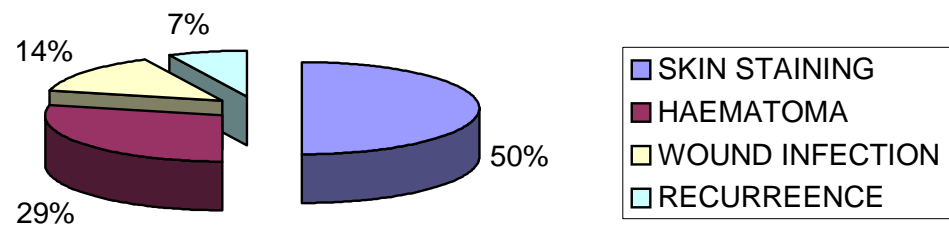
**POST-OPERATIVE COMPLICATIONS**

<b>Complications</b>	<b>No</b>
Skin staining	7
Haematoma	4
Wound infection	2
Recurrence	1

Skin staining is the most common complication in 7 patients and recurrence in 1 patient.

Haematoma is next common complication which occurred in 4 patients.

NO



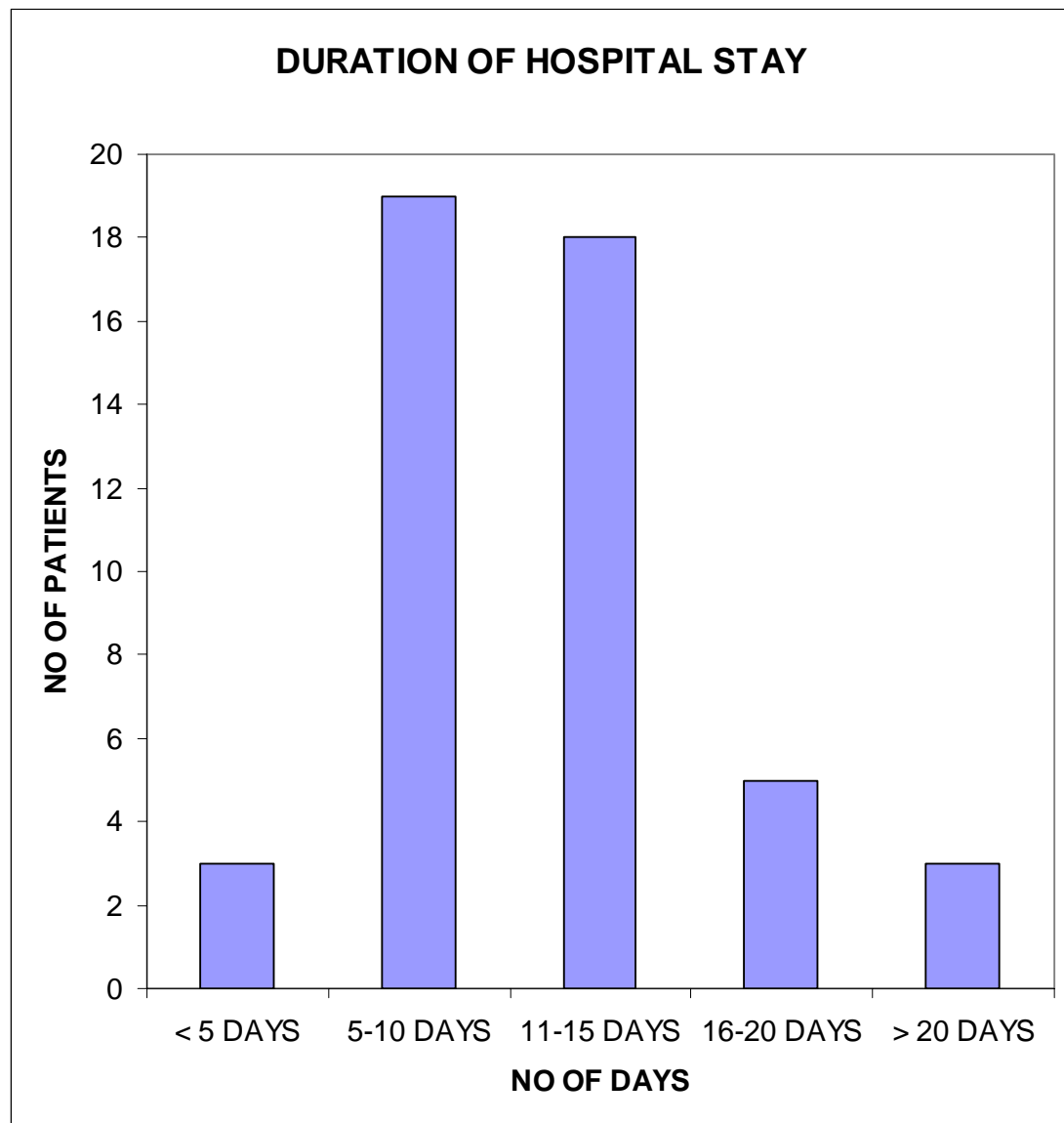
### DURATION OF HOSPITAL STAY

<b>Duration of Hospital stay</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
< 5 days	3	6.3
5-10 days	19	39.5
11-15 days	18	37.5
16-20 days	5	10.4
> 20 days	3	6.3

40 % of the people stayed mean duration 5-10 days in hospital. 37% people stayed for the duration about 11-15 days.

22 % people stayed either less than 5 days or more than 15 days in the hospital.

Minimum 4 days maximum 29 days is duration of hospital stay for the patient.



**CONCLUSION**

Males constitute 83.8 % of our study and females 16.7% .  
male: female ratio 5:1.

In males it affects predominately economically productive people between 20 to 40 yrs.

Mean age of presentation is around 2 years. Only three patients less than six months and longest duration are 20 years. Varicose vein being a benign disorder hence people don't seek medical attention early.

Manual worker constitutes 33% of our study. Occupations like manual labourer, sales man, farmers, security guards constitute around 60%.

Half of the people seek medical attention due to varicosities and one third of patient complaints discomfort or pain. Ulceration and hemorrhage was about 8 % and 2 % respectively.

Left sided lesions are common than right side.

Long saphenous segment is more commonly than short saphenous segment. Both systems are involved in 10% of people.

Sapheno-femoral incompetence is the most commonly observed pathology. Of the perforators below knee perforator is commonly involved and lateral perforator least.

Trendlenburg procedure with stripping is the most commonly done procedure. SSG is done only 2% with the above procedure. Next commonly done procedure is subfacial ligation.

Hyperpigmentation is common complication. Edema healed ulcers and lipodermatosclerosis occur in 10 % of people.

Cellulitis and hemorrhage in 2% of the people.

Skin staining is the common complication. Recurrence in 2% of people.

Mean hospital stay is 11 days' minimum-4 days and maximum – 29 days.







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## MASTER CHART

SL	IPNO	NAME	Age/Sex	Dura	occupa	SEGM	PATHOLOGY	PRESENTA	COMPLI	SURGERY	POST-	Hos	RE
1	2189/03	LOGANATHAN	34/M	2 Mn	sales	LLS	SFI	sk+pa		tr+st		12	
2	3424	SRIDAR	55/M	3.5 Y	manual	LLS	BK+AK	sk+it		tr+st		6	
3	7344	SIVAKUMAR	21/M	9 Mn	student	RLS	SFI	sw		tr+st		8	
4	10618	CHINNA THAMBI	50/M	14 Y	manual	LLS	SFI	sw	it	tr+st		6	
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